

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled and claims 8, 9 and 18 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 8-15 and 18 are currently pending in the application, of which claim 8 is independent claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested because it places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, Claim 9 was objected to for being dependent from itself. This objection is respectfully traversed because, in this response, claim 9 has been amended to be dependent from claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claim 9.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 8-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,384,889 issued to Miyachi, *et al.* ("Miyachi"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

In this response, the limitations of claims 16 and 17 have been incorporated into independent claim 8. Also, claim 8 has been amended to recite “a gap between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is decreased at a portion between the first aperture pattern and the second aperture pattern”.

Miyachi discloses a pixel electrode having a plurality depressed portions for better viewing angles, but does not disclose or suggest “a gap between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is decreased at a portion between the first aperture pattern and the second aperture pattern”, as recited in claim 8.

Thus, it is submitted that claim 8 is patentable over Miyachi. Claims 9-15 are dependent from claim 8 and would be also patentable at least for the same reason. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 8-15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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